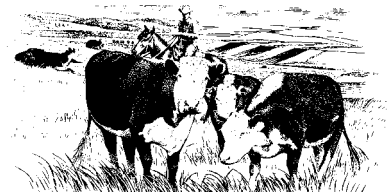


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 445 thousand head on February 1, 2001, 1 percent below last month, but 7 percent above February 2000. During January, placements of 60.0 thousand head were 5 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above January 2000. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.9 million head on February 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above February 1, 2000 and 14 percent above February 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.26 million, 2 percent above 2000 and 17 percent above 1999. Net placements were 2.19 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 499 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 716 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 664 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 384 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.04 million, unchanged from 2000, but 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 78.0 thousand head during January, 13 percent above 2000 and 11 percent above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots head totaled 10.2 million on February 1, 2001, up 3 percent from the previous year and 15 percent above February 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.97 million, 2 percent above 2000 and 17 percent above 1999. Marketings during January totaled 1.75 million, unchanged from 2000 and 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance during January was 68.0 thousand head, 33 percent above 2000 and 45 percent above 1999.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	272	301	111	29	28	24	25
California	415	450	108	57	60	50	55
Colorado	1,180	1,210	103	290	305	260	275
Iowa	375	385	103	60	52	48	51
Kansas	2,310	2,400	104	520	580	480	465
Nebraska	2,300	2,400	104	500	480	420	430
Texas	2,900	2,930	101	475	460	465	450
Seven-State Total	9,752	10,076	103	1,931	1,965	1,747	1,751
State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number on Feed February 1		2001/2000		
	2000	2001	2000	2001			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	2	275	302	110		
California	7	10	415	445	107		
Colorado	10	10	1,200	1,230	103		
Iowa	2	1	385	385	100		
Kansas	10	15	2,340	2,500	107		
Nebraska	10	20	2,370	2,430	103		
Texas	10	10	2,900	2,930	101		
Seven-State Total	51	68	9,885	10,222	103		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND U.S., JANUARY 1, 2000-2001 ^{1/}

Class	Canada ^{2/}			United States ^{3/}		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	12,786	12,860	101	98,198	97,309	99
All Cows:	5,278	5,362	102	42,759	42,603	100
Beef	4,137	4,206	102	33,569	33,400	99
Milk	1,141	1,156	101	9,190	9,203	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,757	1,790	102	19,649	19,775	101
Beef Replacement	595	600	101	5,503	5,588	102
Milk Replacement	465	469	101	4,000	4,047	101
Other Heifers	698	722	103	10,147	10,140	100
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,222	1,132	93	16,682	16,438	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	230	235	102	2,293	2,272	99
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,299	4,341	101	16,815	16,221	96
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
Calf Crop	5,158	5,045	98	38,796	38,621	100

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

^{3/} Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES ^{1/}

Year	Per Animal Unit ^{2/}	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1991	9.61	11.63	12.37
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70

^{1/} The average rates are estimates (rates over \$10.00 are rounded to the nearest dime) based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Agricultural Survey.

^{2/} Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2000	December 2000	Jan. 15, 2001	January 2000	December 2000	Jan. 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	75.00	95.00	98.00	72.90	85.10	84.90
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	81.00	97.00	102.00	76.00	91.00	91.30
Hogs ^{2/ 3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	36.80	39.80	37.10
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	35.50	34.00	37.50	35.90	36.50	38.40
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	67.00	76.00	78.00	71.60	76.80	79.30
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	91.00	93.00	96.00	103.00	106.00	108.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	30.00	34.00	---	36.80	36.20	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	72.00	68.00	---	70.90	71.80	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	1,480.00	---	1,480.00	1,330.00	---	1,320.00
Milk Whsle. ^{2/}	Cwt.	11.00	12.39	12.30	12.00	13.10	13.50

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2001 totaled 95.9 million pounds (dressed weight), up 6 percent from last month and 9 percent above January 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,269 pounds; calves, 152 pounds; and hogs 216 pounds.

U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

PORK AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in January. This was up 4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in January 2000 and up 3 percent from the record high for January set in 1998.

January 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. January 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 2 percent from 2000. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year to 1,226 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 3 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 91.0 thousand head, down 2 percent from January 2000. The average live weight, at 322 pounds, was 11 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.69 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above January 1998's record-high. Hog kill totaled 8.64 million head, 6 percent above 2000. The average live weight was 265 pounds, 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was down slightly from January 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2000-01 ^{1/} ^{2/}

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	83.5	92.0	104,908	116,678	1,257	1,269
U.S.	2,936.9	3,001.6	3,610,156	3,679,009	1,229	1,226
CALVES						
California	11.6	8.6	1,926	1,301	167	152
U.S.	92.7	91.1	28,848	29,325	311	322
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	281.7	268.5	38,645	38,382	137	143
HOGS						
California	192.7	204.9	42,045	44,344	218	216
U.S.	8,140.8	8,642.9	2,132,806	2,287,050	262	265
RED MEAT	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Jan. 01 Jan. 00	Jan. 01 Dec. 00	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	88.3	90.9	95.9	109	106	
U.S.	3,784.5	3,618.8	3,934.2	104	109	

^{1/} Farm slaughter excluded.

^{2/} Revised U.S. total.

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2000 was 4.00 million pounds, up 10 percent from 1999. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 530 thousand head, increased 10 percent from the previous year.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2000 was \$0.29 per pound. The total value was \$1.16 million, down 9 percent from the \$1.27 million in 1999.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value ^{1/}	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	480	530	7.6	7.5	3,630	4,000	0.35	0.29	1,271	1,160
Colorado	460	450	7.0	7.4	3,227	3,310	0.40	0.31	1,291	1,026
Iowa	225	255	6.0	5.6	1,340	1,420	0.16	0.10	214	142
Montana	336	347	9.5	9.6	3,196	3,315	0.50	0.37	1,598	1,227
New Mexico	280	255	8.3	8.3	2,320	2,120	0.56	0.65	1,299	1,378
Oregon	197	220	6.3	6.5	1,246	1,440	0.30	0.28	374	403
South Dakota	345	335	8.2	8.4	2,845	2,800	0.36	0.28	1,024	784
Texas	1,170	1,130	6.8	6.6	7,956	7,506	0.49	0.49	3,898	3,678
Utah	320	320	9.4	9.6	3,010	3,060	0.32	0.22	963	673
Wyoming	570	520	8.6	8.8	4,930	4,560	0.49	0.47	2,416	2,143
UNITED STATES	6,158	6,140	7.6	7.6	46,592	46,446	0.38	0.33	17,860	15,377

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values.

FARM NUMBERS

In 2000, an estimated 87.5 thousand farms operated on 27.8 million acres in California. The average farm size is 318 acres. The number of farms decreased by 2 percent from 1999, but the land in farms remained the same as the previous year.

The number of farms in the United States in 2000 is estimated at 2.17 million, down 1 percent from 1999. Total land in farms, at 943 million acres, decreased fractionally from last year. The average farm size increased 2 acres from 1999 to 434 acres.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS ^{1/}

State and Item		1998	1999	2000
CALIFORNIA	No. of Farms	89,000	89,000	87,500
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	28,500	27,800	27,800
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	320	312	318
UNITED STATES	No. of Farms	2,191,360	2,192,070	2,172,080
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	953,500	947,440	942,990
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	435	432	434

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

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